

South Dakota

CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED DOWN FROM JUNE

SIoux FALLS, July 18, 2003 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 167,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on July 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 8,000 head from a year earlier and down 31,000 head from last month.

Placements during June totaled 27,000 head, up 9,000 head from last year but down 2,000 head from May 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 55,000 head, up 8,000 head from a year ago and up 11,000 head from May 2003.

Other disappearance during June totaled 3,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from May 2003.

Steer and steer calves totaled 80,000 head, 48 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 71,000 head, 42 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 16,000 head, 10 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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